

**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**Worldwide Church:**

Aarhus in Denmark with Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen. Also the Anglican Church of Southern Africa with Archbishop Thabo Makgoba

**Churches Together:**

Riverside Christian Fellowship

**Bishop John has asked us to pray .....**

that initiatives like the Wychavon Youth Bus will encourage young people, especially teenagers, to socialise securely and to explore questions of faith with open minds.

**The work of St Mary's.....**

For Ashley and Charlotte who were married at St Mary's yesterday and Harry and Jade who are preparing to be married next Saturday. Those preparing for confirmation. All those who are on holiday at this time that they might return refreshed and relaxed.

**Those living in:**

Doctors Hill and Meon Rise

**Local Community:**

The What? Centre

**Among those who are ill:**

Adrian Smith, Peter & Angela Viner, Roy and Pamela Peacock, the Rogerson family, Fr Alan Williams, Iris Wheeler, Toussi Walton and Sue Wakeley, Mary Joyce Tolley, Victor Ellams

**We continue to pray for:**

Colin Millward, Joyce Agnew, Nicola, Miriam Palmer, Josh Raffan, Ian Moore, Brian Drew, Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elian Irvine-Boden, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Noah Cantius, Denis Noakes, Michael Woodall, Penny Webb, The May family, Heather and Alex.

**Those in nursing home care:**

Margaret Moulton, Dorothy Gibson and Betty Shore.

**The departed:**

Sylvia Mobberley, Gary Tolley and Jim Beale

Please inform the clergy or a member of the pastoral care team as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.

**The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford**  
**Sunday August 18 2019**  
**Trinity 9**



A warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Please join us for a chat over a cup of coffee after our 10.00am service. If you would like to find out about any of the activities associated with church please speak to a warden or sides person or visit our website at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

**Our services today are as follows:**

**8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd John Flitcroft

**Readings** from BCP page 218 **Sides:** Gillian Shaw

**10.00am - Parish Communion**

The choir are currently taking holiday until the end of August. The same readings will be used at both the morning and evening services during this period and the same sermon will be preached at both services.

**President:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Roger King

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** David Cook & Betty Parsons

**Reader:** Sally Frost **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

**Children Together:** Les Timms & Pauline Pettet

**Coffee:** Murray and Jacqui Keen

**Voluntary:** Voluntary Fanfare - Proulx

**6.30pm - Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Roger King

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson

**Readers:** Angela Price & Marjorie Ferguson

**Voluntary:** Eight short preludes and fugues—no 6 - J S Bach

### **Collect for this week:**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Readings for our 10.00am and 6.30pm services**

#### **The New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the

joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 12: 49-56

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God; in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)